PREFACE.

The thirty-ninth Dasara Session of the Mysore Representative Assembly for 1922-23 was held in the Durbar Hall of the Public Offices at Mysore, commencing on Monday the 2nd October 1922, and ending on the 10th idem, the Dewan Mr. A. R. BANERJI, M.A., C.S.I., C.I.E., presiding.

2. The tenth triennial election of members to the Representative Assembly took place at the beginning of the year and several new members took their seats in the Assembly at this Session.

3. The following statement gives details with regard to the number of electorates, the number of seats for which members had to be returned, the number of members returned by the several electorates, and the actual number of members present at the meetings :—

Electorates	Number due	Number actually returned	Number present
1	2	3	4
1. From 68 taluks and 9 sub-taluks	163	156	150
2. From 62 Municipalities	73	68	65
3. From 8 District Boards and the Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board	18	18	15
4. From 25 Associations	25	25	24
5. From other bodies representing special interests ...	4	4	4
Total ...	283	271	258

4. The following Associations were granted the privilege of deputing one member each to the Representative Assembly :—

1. The Kurubára Sangha, Bangalore.
2. The Grain Merchants' Association, Bangalore.
3. The Mysore Inamdars' Association, Bangalore.

In addition to the above, the Nelamangala Municipal Council was granted the privilege of returning one of its members to the Assembly.

The privilege of returning a member to the Representative Assembly was withdrawn from the following Associations :—

Commercial Association, Bangalore.
Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.
Eurasian and Anglo-Indian Association, Bangalore.

5. Of the 271 members returned to the Assembly by the various electorates, 6 were Europeans, 18 were Mahomedans, 1 was an Indian Christian and 246 were Hindus.

Arranged according to occupation, 54 were merchants, 15 were sowcars, 46 were village officers—Patels and Shanbhogs, 86 were landholders, 32 were lawyers and 38 were persons who followed other professions.

6. The attendance of the members at the meetings of the Assembly was very good, 258 having been present out of 271 actually returned, or 95·2 per cent nearly.

7. The Hon'ble Mr. W. P. BARTON, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., British Resident in Mysore, and other European and Indian guests of His Highness the Maharaja, and a large number of retired officers and leading citizens of Mysore were present on the opening day of the Assembly. The Members of Government, Heads of Departments, and Deputy Commissioners of Districts attended the meetings as usual.

8. The proceedings commenced at 12 noon on the 2nd October 1922 when the Dewan delivered his Address to the Assembly in English. Copies of the Kannada translation of the Address were distributed.

9. Addresses from the following bodies were read and presented to the Dewan-President by the representatives of the several bodies as noted hereunder:—

(1) Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board, by Mr. H. M. A. Cooke., O.B.E.
(2) Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore, by Mr. Ramachandra Rao Scindia.
(3) Malnad Landholders' Association, Hoskoppa, by Mr. H. S. Ganesa Rao.
(4) South Mysore European Planters' Association, by Mr. St. John Hunt.
(5) Vokkaligara Sangha, Bangalore, by Mr. B. N. Vijayadeva, M.A., Bar-at-law.
(6) Lingayet Education Fund Association, Bangalore, by Mr. G. Paramasivaiya, B.A., LL.B.
(7) Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore, by Mr. Abbas Khan.
(8) Jaina Education Fund Association, Mysore, by Mr. Shroff Padmarajaiya.
(9) Indian Christian Association, Bangalore, by Mr. J. R. Isaac, B.A., M.B.E.
(10) Audi Dravida Abhivriddhi Sangham, Bangalore, by Mr. P. Murugesam Pillai.
(11) Arya Vaisya Mahasabha, Bangalore, by Mr. N. V. Narayana Murthy, B.A., B.L.
(12) Kurubara Sangha, Bangalore, by Mr. G. Sanjeevaiya.
(13) Anjuman-e-Mahdevia, Channapatna, by Mr. Syed Abdul Rasheed.

These addresses with the Dewan's reply thereto are printed as Appendix A.

10. Eighteen interpellations were received from members and printed copies of the same together with the replies of Government thereto were distributed to the members of the Assembly on the 5th October 1922. These interpellations and answers are printed as Appendix B.

11. On Saturday the 7th October 1922, the Dewan made an announcement outlining the scheme of constitutional developments proposed to be introduced in the Administration of the State. This announcement together with a summary of the discussions on the subject and an address presented by the members of the Assembly to the Dewan on this subject are printed as Appendix C.

12. Inclusive of the opening day, the sittings of the Assembly lasted for six days from the 2nd to the 10th October 1922. No meetings were held on Wednesday the 4th October, Sunday the 8th and Monday the 9th October. On the last mentioned day, the Assembly met at 12 noon when the Dewan announced the adjournment of the house owing to the sad demise of Colonel J. Desaraj Urs, M.V.O., C.I.E., the whole house standing as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased. Mr. C. Narasimhaiya, on behalf of the Assembly, requested the Dewan-President to convey the respectful condolences of the members to His Highness the Maharaja and the bereaved Rajkumar.

13. A summary of the discussions of the representations made by the members and the replies of Government thereto will be found at the beginning of this volume, (Part I). Subjects not discussed owing to the absence of the proposers or for other causes have been separately arranged and printed as Part II.

14. The following draft Bills were placed before the Assembly for discussion:—

1. A Bill to provide for suits against Government and a Bill further to amend the Code of Civil Procedure in respect of suits by or against Government or public officers in their official capacity.
2. A Bill to amend the Mysore Newspapers Regulation of 1908.

The draft Bills, together with a summary of discussions thereon are printed as Appendix D.

15. At the close of the discussions on the 10th October 1922, the Dewan indicated the Policy of Government in respect of some of the more important subjects that were discussed, and thanked the members for the splendid temper shown by them during the discussions on several controversial subjects, and for helping him to conduct the proceedings of the Assembly satisfactorily. At the conclusion of his speech, the Dewan announced the names of the following members of the mixed committee of officials and non-officials constituted for the purpose of working out the details connected with the scheme of constitutional developments.

Chairman.

Dr. Brajendranath Seal, M.A., PH.D., D.Sc.

Official Members.

Mr. K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar, M.A., Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
Mr. K. Chandy, B.A., Excise Commissioner.
Mr. K. Matthan, B.A., Chief Secretary to Government.
Rajakaryaprasakta M. N. Krishna Rao, B.A., Financial Secretary to Government.
Mr. V. R. Thyagaraja Iyer, M.A., Officer to be put on special duty for reforms and *ex-officio* Secretary to the Committee.

Non-Official Members.

Rajasabhabhushana Dewan Bahadur K. P. Puttanna Chetty, C.I.E.
Mr. B. V. Ramaswamy Chetty.
Mr. S. Venkatesaiya, B.A., B.L.
Mr. M. Subbaiya, B.A.
Mr. Md. Abbas Khan.
Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.

After the Dewan had finished his concluding remarks, a Kannada translation of the same was read by Mr. K. H. Ramayya, Officiating Registrar of Co-operative Societies. The Dewan's concluding remarks are printed as Appendix H.

16. Mr. G. Paramasivaiya on behalf of the members of the Assembly thanked the Dewan-President for his announcement regarding the scheme of constitutional development which he characterised as highly satisfactory. He also thanked the members of Government for the patient hearing given to the various representations made by the members.

17. The Session closed with three cheers to His Highness the Maharaja proposed by Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthy Rao, and three more cheers to the Dewan-President proposed by Mr. Purushothamanandagiri Gosai, which were responded to by the whole Assembly.

K. MATTHAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.